



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5504

LCO No. 1539

Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:

REP. CAFERO, 142nd Dist.

REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.

REP. KLARIDES, 114th Dist.

**AN ACT REQUIRING RECIPIENTS OF STATE-SPONSORED
BENEFITS TO BE ACCOUNTABLE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 17b of the general statutes be amended to require
- 2 beneficiaries of state-sponsored benefits, administered by the
- 3 Department of Social Services, to establish and maintain a separate
- 4 bank account for state benefits as well as a personal account for
- 5 personal earned income. No cash may be withdrawn from the bank
- 6 account for state benefits and any purchases made with a debit card
- 7 for said account must be preauthorized by the Department of Social
- 8 Services and may not be for: (1) Alcohol, (2) tobacco products, (3)
- 9 lottery tickets, or (4) other purchases not authorized by the
- 10 department.

Statement of Purpose:

To foster transparency and accountability while eliminating fraud and abuse of taxpayer-funded services.